



# Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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## **April Elections, New Officials**

Do you have a new mayor or chief elected official since the recent April elections? Please contact your SEMA Area Coordinator with the names, addresses and business phone numbers of the new officials. This information is used for plan updates, meetings announcements, elected officials workshops, damage assessment training and disaster information gathering.

## **Law Enforcement Response to WMD (POST) Enrollment Deadline April 16**

The Law Enforcement Response to WMD to be conducted by Louisiana State University (LSU) still has openings. **The Class will be conducted April 23-24 at the SEOC in Jefferson City.** Law Enforcement Response to WMD Class is POST certified. POST certification candidates will receive 1.5 hours in legal study, 12 hours in technical study and 2.5 hours in interpersonal perspectives. This class is an awareness level course designed to prepare federal, state and local law enforcement personnel to perform safely and effectively during incidents involving WMD. The course is free and you may register on-line, fax in your application to 573-634-7966 or call Susan Rhodes in training at 573-526-9121.

## **Enroll before April 23 for Public Works: Preparing for and Responding to Terrorism/WMD**

There are still openings in the Public Works Response to WMD, which will be conducted by Texas A&M University. **The Public Works class will be April 30 – May 2 at the KCMO Health Department in Kansas City.** This class presents the fundamental skills, knowledge and attitudes that will be needed by public works managers and supervisors when they are called to respond to a WMD incident. Participants from fire, law enforcement and public health will also be actively recruited for this class to foster a multi-discipline understanding of what each group brings to an incident. The course is free and you may register on-line, fax in your application to 573-634-7966 or call Susan Rhodes in training at 573-526-9121.

## **New Area Coordinators Map Posted to Internet**

Based on a recommendation of the Missouri Homeland Security Panel, SEMA's regional areas will be renamed and redrawn to match the Missouri State Highway Patrol Areas "A" through "I". EMDs at the Director's breakfast heard the "regional planning and response" is the way to secure WMD funding for planning, training, exercises, and equipment purchases. "Since we are in the process of trying to fill two area coordinator vacancies, it seemed natural to make the changes now," Director Jerry Uhlmann told the EMDs. The new area coordinator maps and contact names and telephone numbers will be posted on the SEMA Internet Homepage. EMDs and elected officials will receive a letter about the changes and a new Area Coordinator map from Director Uhlmann soon. Senior Planner Brenda Heidbreder (Area I) will begin work on revising the state operations plan soon. SEMA homepage: [www.sema.state.mo.us](http://www.sema.state.mo.us)

## **New Transmitter Map Posted to Internet**

The NOAA Transmitter location map was posted at the SEMA booth at the Spring Conference. Many EMDs asked for a copy of the map and brochures on the NOAA tone alert weather radios. The transmitter map will be posted to SEMA's Internet Homepage. State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Sheela Amin, plans to have NOAA tone alert radio reprinted and copies distributed to all EMDs in Missouri.

Visit the page often, there is a wealth of information on the Homepage! SEMA's Homepage is [www.sema.state.mo.us](http://www.sema.state.mo.us)

## **Legal Aspects of WMD Events (POST) – Enroll by April 25**

Targeted for senior local and state government officials and their legal advisors, Legal Aspects of WMD Events is POST certified. This one-day class is scheduled for **May 2 at the SEOC in Jefferson City**. The legal implications of a WMD event are often ignored due to the rush to conduct response planning directed at casualty care and lifesaving response. Unfortunately, these events involve numerous legal considerations from jurisdictional authority to legal liability. The course is free and you may register on-line, fax in your application to 573-634-7966 or call Susan Rhodes in training at 573-526-9121.

## **Missouri Emergency Response Commission Tier II Reporting Status Comparative Analysis**

	<b>FY 02/ RY 01</b>	<b>FY 01/ RY 00</b>	<b>FY 00/ RY99</b>	<b>FY 99/ RY98</b>
Funds rec'd thru end of March	\$628,343	\$609,338	\$672,412	\$590,618
Total \$ received	\$628,343	\$677,132	\$690,772	\$655,661
% received thru end of March		89.99%	97.34%	90.08%
\$ distributed to Counties (65%)		\$440,136	\$449,002	\$426,180
Total Tier II Reports filed		7669	7729	NA
Tier II Reports E-filed or linked	4552	4497	NA	NA
Tier II Reports E-filed or linked		59%	NA	NA

## **Medical Considerations for WMD Incidents Will Be Conducted in KC, May 9-10**

This course targets hospitals, hospital administrators, doctors, medical staff, public health officials and EMTs. RAM and Associates teaches medical planning requirements for response to a WMD event with primary emphasis on chemical and biological agents. It encompasses mass casualty considerations and hospital procedures from triage to tertiary care. It also deals with hospital certification requirements, as they are incorporated WMD planning considerations. **Medical Considerations will be offered May 9-10 in Kansas City**. The course is free and you may register on-line, fax in your application to 573-634-7966 or call Susan Rhodes in training at 573-526-9121 **before May 2**.

## **Bob Rogers Will Retire May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

SEMA's Assistant Operations Branch Chief, Bob Rogers (a.k.a. Mr. Softrisk) announced his retirement effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. Rogers has held a variety of positions in SEMA including planner, training officer, SEOC manager, and operations chief. Bob has been deeply involved in disaster response – especially the 1993 Hardin Cemetery response, sofrisk training and a point man with EMAC (emergency management assistance compact). Between grandchildren and Grace's "honey-do" list, Bob feels he will be kept pretty busy once he leaves SEMA.

## **USA Freedom Corps Initiative**

*By Dante Gliniecki, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator*

Since September 11, the White House started an initiative under the blanket heading of **USA Freedom Corps**. This is a broad-based initiative that seeks to strengthen security through increase community and public service. Under USA Freedom Corps there are three major components: **Citizen Corps, AmeriCorps & Senior Corps**, and a strengthened **Peace Corps**. There is approximately \$230 million in new funding to support these programs. FEMA and the Corporation for National and Community Services are central partners on the USA Freedom Corps initiative.

SEMA's Gliniecki will coordinate Missouri's efforts with Bruce Bailey of AmeriCorps, St. Louis, and Curt Hendricks of the Missouri Community Service Commission (Department of Economic Development). Both AmeriCorps and the Missouri Community Service Commission are members of the Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership.

- Under the FEMA umbrella, the newly created Citizen Corps seeks to engage citizens in homeland security. The White House sees this effort as Citizen Corps Councils having the following security efforts: Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service Program, Neighborhood Watch Program, Terrorist Information and Prevention System and CERT.

- AmeriCorps & Senior Corps will be improved and enhanced to include at least 25,000 new AmeriCorps participants, 100,000 Senior Corps participants and at least 75,000 additional volunteers.

- Strengthening the Peace Corps. They hope to double the number of Peace Corps volunteers to the June 1966 high watermark of 15,000 members.

## **Citizens Corps Announced**

*By Tim Daniel, Special Advisor Office of Missouri Homeland Security*

Recently President Bush announced the establishment of the Citizens Corps. The Citizens Corps is a major component of USA Freedom Corps, the umbrella program coordinating the activities of several programs such as the Senior Corps and the Peace Corps. What is Citizen Corps? "Citizens Corps is a network of volunteer organizations that tap the skills and abilities of the American people to help communities prepare for and respond to emergencies."

It is several programs designed to operate at community level and for communities across America. Each community should consider establishing a Citizens Corps Council to help guide the activities of the component programs of Citizens Corps. These programs are: Neighborhood Watch Program, Terrorism Information and Prevention System (Operation Tips), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and the Medical Reserve Corps. See the web site at [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov) for more information. Help us make this a reality in your community!

## **Spring Conference Attendance Hits 752!**

Did it seem like there were a lot of people attending the SEMA/MEPA Spring Conference this year? According to Cathy Zumwalt, Spring Conference Coordinator, 752 people attended this year's meeting. This includes 589 – participants (including speakers), 107 exhibitors (45 booths), and 56 spouses.

## **Food for Thought on Regional Planning, Assets**

At the Director's Breakfast during the Spring Conference, the new Area Coordinator map was introduced. The map mirrors the Missouri Highway Patrol's regions. Missouri Homeland Security Advisor, Tim Daniel, said that in order to secure as much WMD funding as possible each region would need to write regional plans and look at regional response capabilities. Networking and a resource sharing/management would be essential to get the maximum response and equipment capabilities to each region.

The other Area Coordinator regions might want to maintain a list of local assets and Points of Contact. The Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Region publishes a local "Emergency Resources Catalog" that the other regions might want to copy the format. The booklet lists Points of Contact, telephone numbers and types of resources in several subject areas. Topics listed are: PLAN BULLDOZER, Official Contacts (local, county and state), Communications & Warning, Emergency Equipment & Supplies, Fire Departments, Funeral Directors, Hazardous Material Spills, Health & Medical, Military Services, Pipeline Companies, Public Safety/Law Enforcement, Railroads, River Barge Companies & Boats, Shelter/Human Needs, Transportation, Underwater Recovery, Utilities, and Weather.

### **Call for E-Mail Addresses!**

#### **Missouri Secretary of State Provides E-mail To County Clerks and Libraries**

The EMD Bulletin is designed to get information out fast to the 700 EMDs and Ambulance Districts in Missouri. Originally, it was decided to e-mail the bulletin. As you know, the USPO will be increasing the cost of mailing letters this summer. Likewise, with the state budget crunch, we were asked to provide the budget office information about the types of materials SEMA prints and the associated mailing costs. We are currently mailing 367 bulletins to people who say they do not have access to the Internet. We will continue sending the EMD bulletin to EMDs who do not have e-mail. However, this will be the last EMD Bulletin to be mailed to non-EMDs via the USPO. Please send us your email address, if you wish to continue receiving this bulletin.

Spence Jackson, Communications Director for Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt, said the Secretary of State's Office provides Internet access to ALL county clerks and ALL libraries in Missouri. Many school districts also have access to the Internet. He suggested that any EMD or Ambulance District who does not have access to the Internet contact either their Local County Clerk or Library. The EMD or Ambulance district director may ask for access to the official information SEMA would email via those points of contact.

If you know of any Fire Department, Fire Protection District, Law Enforcement Agency, EMT group or elected officials that might like to receive the EMD Bulletin electronically please have them send their e-mail address to Helen Stewart.

**Please send an email to Helen Stewart (our web page designer) or to your Area Coordinator with your name, organization's name, and email address. You can contact Helen through SEMA's Homepage: [www.sema.state.mo.us](http://www.sema.state.mo.us).**

#### **Attention EMDs Schedule Awareness Training through your LEPCs**

Just a reminder to schedule Awareness and Operations Training through your county LEPC. By scheduling through the LEPC, the training books for the courses are provided by the MERC at no charge and LEPC funds can be used to pay the instructor fees.

Any questions regarding this should be directed to Bob Dopp, MERC Executive Director at 800-780-1014 or 573-526-9237 or [bdopp01@mail.state.mo.us](mailto:bdopp01@mail.state.mo.us).

#### **"Better late than Never . . . The Check is in the Mail!"**

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) funds have been made available for distribution to the Counties. Funding was delayed because of mail delivery problems encountered after the anthrax contamination episodes. Distribution checks have been generated and mailed to the Presiding Commissioner or County Executive for each of the applying counties. Please keep in mind that these funds can only be used for (1) Training; (2) Exercises; (3) Flow Studies; (4) Hazard Analysis; and (5) Purchase of Equipment for training. If you have any questions, please contact The MERC at 800-780-1014.